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IMPLEMENTATION OF RESERVATION POLICY IN PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of reservation policy in the private sector;

(b) whether the Government has received suggestions and requests from various social organizations in this regard during the last year and the current year,

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a)to (d) Yes Sir, suggestions have been received from various organizations for reservation in private sector.

In response to the commitment contained in the National Common Minimum Programme to initiate a dialogue with Industry and other associations to fulfill the aspirations of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes youth, a Group of Ministers was formed. The Group met five times and also held consultations with the representatives of Apex Industry Associations. A Coordination Committee under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister was constituted in October, 2006, to carry forward the dialogue with Industry on affirmative action in private sector. The Committee has held discussions with representatives of Apex Industry Associations. As decided in the third meeting of the Coordination Committee, held on 11.7.2008, a Group of officers has been constituted in September, 2008 to study the issue of providing fiscal incentives to industries for setting up manufacturing units in backward districts with large SC/ST population.